Private Sector in marketing of LPG

2475. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed private sector for import and distribution of LPG in country;

(b) if so, on what terms and conditions;

(c) what population will be covered by private L.P.G. distributors; and

(d) what rate will be charged and what concessions have been allowed to them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Under the Parallel Marketing System, private agencies can import and market LPG using/setting up their own infrastructure and distribution network at market determined prices under their own terms to domestic, non-domestic and industrial customers. They will have to obtain necessary approvals under the relevant Acts/Rules regarding safety, pollution control, etc., as applicable. Under the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1993, the parallel marketeers are required to intimate their intention and capabilities to import, bottle, market and distribute or sell LPG before commencement of such activities and submit a monthly report giving details of the products imported by them. Besides, they have to furnish to the Government all the relevant particulars and information as may be required. The Government have allowed the use of port facilities of the Government Oil Companies on commercial terms, in order to promote the private sector undertake parallel marketing early.

Latters from M.Ps to the Ministry of Petroleum

2476. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to his Ministry during the period from 1st April 1990 to 31st March, 1993 alongwith year-wise details thereof;

(b) what is the number of letters out of them that were acknowledged;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the breakup of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (c) The number of references received from the Members of Parliament and the number of references replied to by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas from 1st April, 1990 to 31st March, 1993 were as under:—

Year	B.F.	Peferences received	Total	References replied	Balance
1st April '90 to 31st March, '91	..	5145	5145	3700	1445
1st April, '91 to 31st March, '92	1445	4115	5560	4454	1106
1st April, '92 to 31st March, '93	1106	5618	6724	5085	1639